

What is claimed is:

1. A gaming machine comprising:

a storage medium;

5 a game medium providing device for providing a game medium for a game, stored in the storage medium; and

a value recording device for recording a value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.

10 2. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, wherein the game medium is utilized in a plurality of gaming machines including the gaming machine, wherein types and minimum bets of the gaming machines differ between at least two of the gaming machines, and wherein the storage medium is utilized in each of the gaming machines.

15 3. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a storage medium issuing device for issuing the storage medium,

20 wherein the storage medium is utilized in a plurality of gaming machines including the gaming machine.

4. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, further comprising:

25 a game medium converting device for converting at least a portion of the value so as to pay out a physical game medium.

5. The gaming machine according to Claim 1, further

comprising:

a game medium payout device for paying out at least a portion of the value as a physical game medium.

6. A gaming machine comprising:

5 a storage medium;

game medium providing means for providing a game medium for a game, stored in the storage medium; and

10 value recording means for recording a value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.

7. A gaming machine comprising:

a game medium providing device for providing a game medium for a game, stored in a storage medium capable of being received by the gaming machine; and

15 a value recording device for recording a value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.

8. A gaming system comprising:

a storage medium; and

20 a plurality of gaming machines, each of which utilizes the storage medium;

wherein types and minimum bets of the gaming machines differ between at least two of the gaming machines, wherein each of the gaming machines comprises:

25 a game medium providing device for providing a game medium for a game, stored in the storage medium; and

a value recording device for recording the value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.

5 9. The gaming system according to Claim 8, wherein each of the gaming machines has a storage medium issuing device comprising a value inputting device for recording a value based on a physical game medium inserted in at least one of the gaming machines, and comprising an issuing device for issuing the storage medium which stores
10 the value.

10. The gaming system according to Claim 8, further comprising:

15 a storage medium issuing machine, the storage medium issuing machine comprises a value inputting device for recording a value based on a physical game medium inserted in at least one of the gaming machines, and comprises an issuing device for issuing the storage medium which stores
20 the value.

20 11. The gaming system according to Claim 8, wherein each of the gaming machines further comprises a game medium converting device for converting at least a portion of the value so as to pay out a physical game medium.

25 12. The gaming system according to Claim 8, wherein each of the gaming machine further comprises a game medium payout device for paying out at least a portion of the value as a physical game medium.

13. The gaming system according to Claim 12,
wherein the game medium payout device pays out a
predetermined amount of the game medium, and
wherein the value recording device records a portion of the
amount in the storage medium as the value.

14. The gaming system according to Claim 9,
wherein the value inputting device records an ID code on
the storage medium, when recording the value in the storage
medium based on the physical game medium.

15. The gaming system according to Claim 14, further
comprising:

a host computer,
wherein the host computer comprises a value obtaining device
for obtaining the value and the ID code from the storage
medium issuing device and at least one of the gaming machines,
and
wherein the host computer comprises a storage device for
storing the value for the ID code.

16. A gaming system comprising:
a storage medium; and
a plurality of gaming machines, each of which utilizes
the storage medium;
wherein types and minimum bets of the gaming machines differ
between at least two of the gaming machines,
wherein each of the gaming machines comprises:

game medium providing means for providing a game medium

for a game, stored in the storage medium; and

value recording means for recording the value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.

5 17. A gaming system comprising:

a plurality of gaming machines, each of which utilizes a storage medium capable of being received by the gaming machines;

10 wherein types and minimum bets of the gaming machines differ between at least two of the gaming machines, wherein each of the gaming machines comprises:

a game medium providing device for providing a game medium for a game, stored in the storage medium; and

15 a value recording device for recording the value of the game medium at a predetermined rate on the storage medium, based on a result of the game.